AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

1-70. (Canceled)

71. (Newly Added) A method implemented by a television set-top terminal (STT) for enabling a user to search for media programs, said method comprising:

    receiving by a tuner in the STT media information corresponding to a plurality of respective media programs;

    storing the media information in memory in the STT;

    providing to the user a search option to search the media information stored in the memory of the STT for media programs with a start time in a user-selected time period and matching a search term; and

    responsive to the user activating the search option, outputting to the television by the STT a portion of the media information stored in the memory, said portion of the media information comprising information corresponding to media programs with respective start times in the user-selected time period and matching the search term, wherein the search term is different than the start time in the user-selected time period.

72. (Newly Added) The method of claim 71, wherein the portion of the media information output by the STT to the television further identifies a first type of television service for providing a first media program and a second type of television service for providing a second media program.

73. (Newly Added) The method of claim 71, wherein the portion of the media information output by the STT to the television further identifies at least one media program as a recorded media program residing in the STT.

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74. (Newly Added) The method of claim 71, wherein the portion of the media information output by the STT to the television further identifies a first media program as a recorded media program residing in the STT and a second media program as program provided by a video-on-demand service.

75. (Newly Added) The method claim 71, wherein the start time of the user-selected time period is different than the start time of at least one media program determined containing the search term based on the user-selected time period.

76. (Newly Added) A method implemented by a television set-top terminal (STT) for enabling a user to search for media programs, said method comprising:

receiving by a tuner in the STT media information corresponding to a plurality of respective media programs;

storing in a memory in the STT the media information corresponding to the plurality of respective media programs;

outputting to a television by the STT an option to select a time period from a plurality of time periods;

receiving a first user input corresponding to a user-selected time period from the plurality of time periods;

receiving by the STT a search term;

responsive to receiving the search term, determining from the media information stored in memory media programs containing the search term, wherein the determination is based on the user-selected time period; and

outputting to the television by the STT a portion of the media information stored in the memory, said portion of the media information corresponding to at least one media program determined to contain the search term, wherein the start time of the at least one media program is in the user-selected time period, wherein the search term is different than the start time in the user-selected time period.

77.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 76, wherein the search term is provided by the user.

78.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 76, wherein the search term is specified by the user.

79.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 76, wherein the start time of the at least one media program determined containing the search term based on the user-selected time period is different than the start time of the user-selected time period.

80.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 76, wherein the portion of the media information output to the television by the STT includes information about a media program available to the user as a purchasable event.

81.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 76, wherein the portion of the media information output to the television by the STT includes information about a media program available to the user as a recorded media program accessible locally to the STT.

82.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 76, wherein a media program is selected by the user from the portion of the media information output to the television by the STT.

83.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 76, wherein the media program selected by the user is one from a broadcast television program, a video-on-demand service program, a pay-per-view service, a cable television program, and a recorded media program.

84.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 76, wherein the portion of the media information output to the television by the STT includes a program title for the at least one media program.

85.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 76, wherein the portion of the media information output to the television by the STT further identifies a source for the at least one media program.

86.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 76, wherein user input is received from a remote control device.

87.   (Newly Added) A method implemented by a television set-top terminal (STT) for enabling a user to search for media programs, said method comprising:

receiving by a tuner in the STT media information corresponding to a plurality of types of television services, said media information comprising a plurality of media programs corresponding to each type of television service in said plurality of types of television services;

storing in a first memory in the STT the media information;

outputting to a television by the STT a first presentation comprising an option to select a time period from a plurality of time periods;

receiving a first user input corresponding to a user-selected time period from the plurality of time periods; and

responsive to receiving the first user input:

outputting to the television by the STT a second presentation comprising a portion of the media information stored in the first memory, said portion of media information corresponding to a plurality of media programs in the user-selected time period; and

providing to the user a search option to search the media information stored in the first memory for media programs based on the user-selected time period.

88.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 87, wherein a first type of television service in the plurality of television services is available to the user as a purchasable event and a second type of television service in the plurality of television services is available to the user without additional purchase.

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89.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 87, wherein a first type of television service in the plurality of types of television services is available to the user as a purchasable event and a second type of television service in the plurality of types of television services is available to the user via a subscription service.

90.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 87, wherein a first type of television service in the plurality of types of television services is available to the user as a purchasable event and a second type of television service in the plurality of types of television services is available to the user as recorded media programs residing at the location of the STT.

91.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 87, wherein the search option is provided in the second presentation output to the television by the STT.

92.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 87, wherein responsive to providing a search option to the user, receiving by the STT a second user input corresponding to a search term, and wherein responsive to receiving the second user input, outputting to the television by the STT a third presentation including a portion of media information corresponding to at least one media program in the user-selected time period and to the search term.

93.   (Newly Added) A method implemented by a television set-top terminal (STT) for enabling a user to search for media programs, said method comprising:

    receiving by a tuner in the STT media information corresponding to a plurality of respective media programs;

    storing in memory in the STT media information;

    providing to the user a search option to search the media information stored in the memory of the STT for media programs that satisfy at least one search criterion; and

    responsive to the user activating the search option, outputting to the television by the STT a portion of the media information stored in the memory, said portion of the media information corresponding to at least one media program that satisfies the at least one search criterion, wherein said portion of the media information includes an identification of the respective media quality of the at least one media program.

94.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 93 wherein the identification of the respective media quality of the at least one media program identifies the at least one media program as a high-definition video signal.

95.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 93, wherein the identification of the the respective media quality of the at least one media program identifies the at least one media program as a standard-definition video signal.

96.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 93, wherein the identification of the the respective media quality of the at least one media program identifies the at least one media program as an analog video signal.

97.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 93, wherein the portion of the media information output by the STT to the television further includes an identification of the respective type of television service providing the at least one media program.

98.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 93, wherein the portion of the media information output by the STT to the television further includes an identification of the respective type random access functionality available with the at least one media program.

99.   (Newly Added) A method implemented by a television set-top terminal (STT) for enabling a user to search for media programs, said method comprising:

receiving by a tuner in the STT media information corresponding to a plurality of types of television services, said media information comprising of a plurality of media programs corresponding to each type of television service in said plurality of types of television services;

storing in memory in the STT media information;

providing to the user a search option to search the media information stored in the memory of the STT for media programs that satisfy at least one search criterion; and

responsive to the user activating the search option, outputting to the television by the STT a portion of the media information stored in the memory, said portion of the media information corresponding to at least one media program that satisfies the at least one search criterion, wherein said portion of the media information includes an identification of the respective type of television service providing the at least one media program.

100.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 99, wherein the identification of the respective type of television service providing the at least one media program identifies a video-on-demand service providing the at least one media program.

101. (Newly Added) The method of claim 99, wherein the identification of the respective type of television service providing the at least one media program identifies a pay-per-view service providing the at least one media program.

102. (Newly Added) The method of claim 99, wherein the identification of the respective type of television service providing the at least one media program identifies the at least one media program as a recorded media program in the STT.

103. (Newly Added) The method of claim 99, wherein the portion of the media information output by the STT to the television further includes an identification of the respective media quality of the at least one media program.

104. (Newly Added) The method of claim 99, wherein the portion of the media information output by the STT to the television further includes an identification of the respective type random access functionality available with the at least one media program.

105. (Newly Added) A method implemented by a television set-top terminal (STT) for enabling a user to search for media programs, said method comprising:

storing in memory in the STT media information corresponding to a plurality of respective media programs;;

providing to the user a search option to search the media information stored in the memory of the STT for media programs that satisfy at least one search criterion, and

responsive to the user activating the search option, outputting to the television by the STT a portion of the media information stored in the memory, said portion of the media information corresponding to at least one media program that satisfy the at least one search criterion, wherein said portion of the media information includes entitlement information corresponding to the at least one media program.

106. (Newly Added) The method of claim 105, wherein the entitlement information identifies the recording entitlement for the at least one media program.

107. (Newly Added) The method of claim 105, wherein the entitlement information identifies impermissible recording of the at least one media program.

108. (Newly Added) The method of claim 105, wherein the entitlement information identifies the media quality for storing the at least one media program in the STT.

109. (Newly Added) The method of claim 105, wherein the entitlement information identifies the expiration for storing the at least one media program in the STT.

110. (Newly Added) The method of claim 105, wherein the media quality corresponds to a bit-rate.

111. (Newly Added) A method implemented by a television set-top terminal (STT) for enabling a user to search for media programs said method comprising:

    receiving by a tuner in the STT a first data set corresponding to media programs of a video-on-demand service and a second data set corresponding to television programs in a program guide;

    storing in memory in the STT the first and second data sets;

    creating a third data set by a processor in the STT from portions of the first and second data sets;

    storing the third data set in the memory of the STT;

    providing to the user a search option to search the third data set for programs that satisfy at least one search criterion; and

    responsive to the user activating the search option, outputting to the television by the STT a portion of the third data set, said portion of the third data set corresponding to at least one program that satisfies the at least one search criterion.

112.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 111, further comprising:

outputting to the television by the STT a first presentation comprising an option to select a time period from a plurality of time periods;

receiving a first user input corresponding to a user-selected time period from the plurality of time periods; and

responsive to receiving the first user input:

outputting to the television by the STT a second presentation comprising a portion of the third data set stored in memory, said portion of the third data set corresponding to a plurality of television programs in the user-selected time period; and

providing to the user a search option to search the third data set stored in memory for television programs exclusively in the user-selected time period.

113.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 111, wherein at least one program is one from a broadcast television program, a video-on-demand serviceprogram, a pay-per-view service, a cable television program, and a recorded media program.

114.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 111, wherein creating the third data set by the processor is from portions of the first and second data sets and a fourth data set, said fourth data set corresponding to programs stored in a storage device in the STT .

115.   (Newly Added) The method of claim 111, wherein the third data set is stored in a storage device in the STT.

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116.   (Newly Added) An interactive media services client device for enabling a user to search for media information, said client device comprising:

memory for storing data;

media information stored in said memory; and

a processor configured to search said media information and to cause a search result related to user input to be displayed on a display device, wherein said processor is further configure to filter out attributes of a media information.